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SUBJECT: PROVISIONAL IRA POLICING PLANS

1. LOCAL LOYALIST PRESS FEB. 25 CARRIED NEWS PROVISIONAL IRA INTENDS SOON LAUNCH PROVINCE-WIDE POLICE FORCE. FORCE WOULD BE RECRUITED ON STREET-BY-STREET BASIS IN CATHOLIC AREAS AND MEMBERS WOULD OPERATE IN THEIR HOME AREAS. SOURCE THIS REPORT ALLEGEDLY DUBLIN-BASED PROVISIONAL SINN FEIN WEEKLY NEWSPAPER "AN PHOBLACT."

2. THIS REPORT WILL ADD FUEL TO SMOULDERING LOYALIST SUSPICIONS ABOUT BRITISH AGREEMENTS WITH AND INTENTIONS TOWARD PROVISIONAL IRA IN RELATION CEASEFIRE. LOYALISTS AGITATED BY ESTABLISHMENT PROVISIONAL SINN FEIN INCIDENT CENTERS, BY ALLEGATIONS ESTABLISHMENT PROVISIONAL SINN FEIN, WHICH THEY SEE AS PROVISIONAL IRA, IN POLICE ROLE IN CATHOLIC AREAS NORTHERN IRELAND AND BY WHAT THEY SEE AS INTENTIONS PRIME MINISTER WILSON TO DISARM THEM.

3. SECSTATE REES MEETING THESE SUSPICIONS BY REITERATION STATEMENT THAT ONLY RECOGNIZED INCIDENT CENTERS ARE OFFICIAL ONES MANNED BY CIVIL SERVANTS WITH ROLE REPORTING ON INCIDENTS JEOPARDIZING CEASEFIRE AND DENIALS THAT ROYAL ULSTER CONSTABULARY BEING SUPPLANTED. GOVERNMENT DOES HOWEVER APPEAR INTEND REDUCE

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NUMBER LEGALLY HELD FIREARMS WHICH OVER 100,000 IN PROVINCE AND

LOYALISTS SEE THIS AS PART OF DEAL WITH PROVISIONALS.  
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